GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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STUDY TO COIR PITH CAKE UNITS
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have earlier provided subsidy to small industrialists to set up Coir Pith Cake Units keeping in view the use of pith cake in increasing the fertility of soil and its growing demand in foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether the Government had withdrawn said subsidy later on;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have received representations to re- start the said subsidy; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGHPRIYA GAUTAM)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government had on 7th April, 1999 enlarged the scope of the scheme for extension of financial assistance to the coir units in the Brown Fibre Sector by including coir pithprocessing units also. Under the scheme financial assistance to the tune of 25% of the cost of equipment and infrastructure facilities, subject to a maximum of Rs. 1 lakh is available for a new a coir pith processing unit and Rs. 50,000/- for modernisation of existing units by installing new machinery and putting up new work shed etc.

(b) to (e): No, Sir.